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**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed June 13, 2006, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

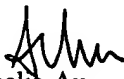
This patent expired on midnight April 30, 2006 for failure to pay the 4th year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The 3 ½ year maintenance fee of \$900 along with the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$1640 has been charged to petitioner's deposit account.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Petitioner will not receive future correspondence related to maintenance fees for the above-identified patent unless a "fee address" (see PTO/SB/47) is submitted for the above-identified patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Amelia Au at (571) 272-7414.
The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.


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